



Virginia Green Profile



Spotsylvania County Visitor Center Fredericksburg

We offer visitors and local citizens information about what to see and do in the area.

Green Statement: Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility. We will strive to do everything we can to be responsible stewards of the world we live in.

GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use screen-based ordering systems when possible
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Make double-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use integrated pest management

☒ **Minimization of Disposables.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables. This facility pledges that they:

- **Do not use any disposable containers**

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species and minimizes lawn areas

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights

☒ **Support Virginia Green.** Pledge to promote the efforts of Virginia Green to clients, members and staff and encourage them to join or do business with Virginia Green participants. This facility pledges that they:

- Encourage clients who are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green.
- Strive to design projects that minimize overall environmental impacts and incorporate the use of efficient systems and sustainable materials.
- Have a travel / conference policy that encourages employees to stay in / do business with Virginia Green or similarly-minded facilities.
- Set a goal for recruiting their member facilities.

For more information on **Spotsylvania County Visitor Center**, see www.spotsylvania.va.us or contact Debbie Aylor at daylor@spotsylvania.va.us or (540) 507-7094.

For more information on the **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.state.va.us/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html or go to www.virginiagreentravel.org.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations. **Virginia Green Partners** are committing to help support the program and encourage their customers to join or do business with Virginia Green-certified participants. Although not necessarily tourism facilities themselves, Partners are expected to practice green activities in their own facilities as well. For more information on **Virginia Green**, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/p2/virginiagreen/homepage.html> or go to www.virginiagreentravel.org.

